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Attached is a Response to the Final Office Action of October 27, 2003.

Thank you,
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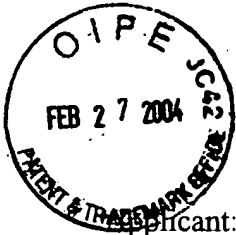
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby timely respond within two months from the mailing of the Final Office Action dated October 27, 2003. Pursuant to MPEP 706.07(f), the shortened statutory period for reply will expire at three months from the date of the final rejection (i.e., January 27, 2003) or on the mailing date the Advisory Action is mailed, whichever is later. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the Amendments and Remarks beginning on the following page, and if the application is not allowed, Applicants request an **Advisory Action**.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview of December 23, 2003 during which the Office Action and the claims were discussed in detail. In accordance with MPEP Section 713.04, the substance of the telephone interviews is included in the Remarks section of this response.